Mr. Santos Rohena-Betancourt Chairman P.R. Environmental Quality Board P. O. Box 11488 Santurce, Puerto Rico 00910

Dear Mr. Rohena-Betancourt:

The Emergency and Remedial Response Division of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, (EPA) Region II, has scheduled the preparation of Records of Decision (ROD) for three National Priorities List (NPL) Sites in Puerto Rico. The three sites are Frontera Creek, Juncos Landfill and Fibers Public Supply Wells Sites located at Humacao, Juncos and Guayama, respectively. The ROD identifies the remedial alternative chosen for implementation at a Superfund site. As you may know, EPA is required, by Section 121 (d) (2) of CERCLA and the National Contingency Plan (NCP), to select remedies that attain or exceed the federal and state applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARS).

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) has been designated by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as the Agency with the authority to review and concur with RODs prepared by EPA. Therefore, I am requesting your assistance in identifying the Commonwealth ARARs as they apply to each of the three NPL sites. This will allow EPA to select remedial alternatives consistent with the Commonwealth's requirements. It is recommended that you consult with all concerned local agencies in identifying the ARARs as they apply to each site and transmit them to us by January 31, 1991. It is imperative that we receive your requirements by January 31, 1991 if we are to meet our commitment for remedy selection for these three sites by September 30, 1991.

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We remain available to address and discuss with EQB any site-specific issues that you may have with respect to the three sites. George Pavlou from my staff has scheduled a meeting with your office for January 16, 1991 during which we can hold discussions on specific issues concerning the RODs and the Superfund Program in general. We look forward to your continued support in this matter. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at (212) 264-8672 or have your staff call George Pavlou at (212) 264-2647.

Sincerely yours,

Richard L. Caspe, P.E. Director Emergency and Remedial Response Division

cc: Francisco Claudio